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Letter dated 15 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and following my previous letters, I have the honour to inform you of a series of Israeli violations of Lebanese sovereignty which occurred on 14 January 2001:

Violations on 14 January 2001

Time	*Place*	*Remarks*
1120	South and Mount Lebanon/10 points targeted by aircraft	Medium altitude
1300	Tyre/military aircraft	Medium altitude
1320	Western Bekaa/military aircraft and release of military balloons	Medium altitude
1340-1400	Strafing of the central zone of Tallat al-Sammaqah within the Shab'a farmlands using machine-guns	
1400	Beirut-Mount Lebanon/military aircraft, breaking the sound barrier	
1445	North Beirut/military aircraft	Medium altitude
2200-2210	Military helicopters opposite Naqurah	

This new series of Israeli violations, which follows upon previous violations, constitutes a flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 425 (1978) and of the sovereignty of Lebanon, and is a threat to stability in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Sélim **Tadmoury**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative